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1. The augmentation of NIS production proposed by the NIS Committee in its Special Report of 16 February 1951 was considered by the IAC on 15 March 1951. Essentially, the IAC agreed that, for the remainder of this fiscal year, the Intelligence Agencies will devote their efforts to building up their capabilities to at least an 8 NIS-a-year level. The IAC further agreed that at the end of this fiscal year this matter would again be considered with a view to determining the extent to which further augmentation should be carried.

2. The NIS Committee examined the production situation at its meeting of 29 May 1951. Current NIS production is roughly 50% of commitments, or at the rate of 4 NIS a year. Recruitment of personnel is slow in all of the Intelligence Agencies and it appears that authorized strength will not be reached before the end of the first quarter of fiscal year 1952. In consequence, the full production of these staffs will not be reflected in the finished contributions from the Intelligence Agencies until the middle of next fiscal year. The NIS Committee anticipates, however, that the production schedule for fiscal year 1952, which calls for the equivalent of approximately 10 NIS, will generally be fulfilled. In this respect, attention is invited to paragraph 6 of NIS Committee Meeting No. 106, of 29 May 1951, which indicates the general production situation of each agency. (Excerpt attached)

3. The NIS Committee, therefore, believes that further reconsideration of the NIS Program by the IAC should be deferred until the capabilities of the presently authorized staffs in the several Intelligence Agencies can more accurately be appraised. Furthermore, the NIS Committee is of the opinion that no material advantage would be gained at this time from any current revision of the JCS Priority List, since scheduled NIS production for the next fiscal year will be proceeding on as broad a front as possible, including all highest priority areas and a large number of high priority areas.

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State - Expects to have authorized personnel on board by October 1951 in which event State should be able to complete its allocations in NIS areas by the end of FY 1952.

Army - The personnel situation is uneven, particularly in some of the Technical Services where recruitment has been slow. In general terms, however, Army should be able to complete its allocations for at least 8 NIS areas during FY 1952.

Navy - Does not expect any substantial increase in production until authorized personnel have been recruited, which should be sometime during the summer. Navy expects to produce at the rate of 4 NIS during the first six months of FY 1952 but anticipates that its allocations in 8 NIS areas will be met by the end of FY 1952.

Air Force - Expects that its authorized strength will be reached by September 1951. In this event Air Force should complete its allocations in approximately 10 NIS areas by the end of FY 1952.

Scientific Intelligence Committee:

The SIC has scheduled 4 Chapters VII (Scientific) for FY 1952 and may be able to produce one more before the end of the year. Since there are relatively few countries which have a real scientific potential, the slower production of Chapters VII will not unfavorably affect the overall completion dates for the highest priority areas.

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